

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed February 6, 2007, claims 1-76 are pending in the application; the previous restriction requirement of June 20, 2006 is withdrawn and vacated, and a new restriction requirement is stated under 35 U.S.C. 121. According to the new restriction requirement, the claims were divided into 31 groups. Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement and make a provisional election under 37 C.F.R. 1.143.

Applicants reserve the right to pursue without prejudice, in this present application and/or a separate application(s), any subject matter, including claim(s) as originally filed and/or otherwise set forth in this present application and/or in another application(s) such as a priority application(s); and other subject matter that may be disclosed.

Amendments to the Claims

Applicants note that the claims are not amended herein.

Election

Applicants hereby provisionally elect the invention characterized in the restriction requirement as Group I. For certain claimed subject matter in the group, Applicants further provisionally elect as required the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:12 for the endblock and the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:18 for the middle block. Applicants note that claims 2-11, 22, 34, and 37-40 are believed to read on the elected invention.

The Office Action on page 2 further invited the Applicants to provide an appropriate claim that reads on the elected invention. For the purpose of facilitating the advancement of the elected subject matter to be searched and examined in prosecution on the merits, Applicants point out that claim 6 is a particular claim which so reads.

Request for Extension of Time

It is believed fees for two months extension of time are due in the amount of \$225.00; and the undersigned hereby authorizes that such amount be deducted from deposit account 07-1969 if the fee is not paid otherwise via EFS-Web. If this amount is incorrect, please credit any overpayment or deduct the appropriate fee, including the fee for any extensions of time required, from Deposit Account 07-1969.

Respectfully submitted,

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